

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

1-14 (Canceled)

15. (Currently amended)     ~~A Sealing~~ sealing arrangement (10, 10') comprising:

first and second separate armature members (11, 12),

a sealing ring (13, 13') interposed between said first and second armature members,

and

a clamping means (30) for clamping the armature members (11, 12) against each other, said sealing ring (13, 13') having a substantially T-shaped annular cross-section and including first and second sealing wings (15, 16) extending in opposite axial directions, each of the sealing wings (15, 16) including ~~with~~ a radially outwards facing sealing face (15a, 16a), and a central, rigid stem (14) between ~~said~~ the sealing wings (15, 16) and extending radially outwards thereof,

each of ~~said~~ the sealing faces (15a, 16a) being conically shaped to be supported against a radially surrounding, correspondingly conically shaped, intermediate, stop-forming, gliding and support ~~faces~~ face (21, 25),

each of ~~said~~ the intermediate conical support faces (21, 25) of ~~said~~ the armature members (11, 12) extending at a first~~[[,]]~~ cone angle (a),

the sealing face of each of ~~said~~ the sealing wings (15, 16) extending at a second~~[[,]]~~ cone angle (b) greater than the cone angle (a) of the intermediate, stop-forming, conical support faces (21, 25) of the armature members (11, 12)~~[[,]]~~ prior to mounting, and after mounting extending at said first cone angle (a) to form a tight sealing abutment against ~~its~~ the corresponding intermediate, stop-forming, conical support face (21, 25), wherein the entire rigid stem (14) and the first sealing wing (15) are seated in the first armature member (11),

and the second sealing wing (16) is seated in the second armature member (12)--,-- [[.]]

wherein in the first armature member (11), a first side face (14b) of the stem (14) is seated in an axially facing, outermost guide surface (20), an end face (14a) of the stem (14) is seated in a radially facing cylindrical, outermost lying support face (22), and the first sealing wing (15) of the sealing ring (13, 13') is seated in one of the intermediate, stop-forming, conical support faces (21), and, in the second armature member (12), a second side face (14c) of the stem (14) is seated in an axially facing, outermost guide surface (24), and the second wing (16) of the sealing ring (13, 13') is seated in the other intermediate, stop-forming, conical support face (25).

wherein the outermost lying support face (22) extends continuously in axial direction and solely in one of the armature members (11, 12), the outermost lying support face (22) being arranged to provide a continuous gliding support for the support face (14a) of the stem (14) directly against the outermost lying face (22).

16-17 (Canceled)

18. (Currently amended) The arrangement ~~in accordance with~~ as claimed in claim 15 ~~16~~, wherein each of the sealing wing wings (15, 16) has, in a radial direction, a small cross-sectional dimension, increasing from a minimum at its an outer end portion to a maximum at its an inner end portion proximate the stem (14), and each of the sealing wing wings (15, 16), in an axial direction, has a large cross-sectional dimension, to obtain support of the sealing wings (15, 16) along a major area of the respective intermediate conical support faces face (21, 25), both of the cross-sectional dimensions being relatively larger in respect of the cross-sectional dimensions of the stem (14), in the axial as well as in the radial direction to provide a rigid stem (14).

19. (Currently amended) The arrangement ~~in accordance with~~ as claimed in claim 15, wherein the clamping means (30) comprises two radially directed, mutual overlapping armature member portions (26, 27) extending radially outside of the sealing ring (13, 13'), and a controlled, stop-forming abutment between the armature ~~member~~ members (11, 12) formed by ~~said the~~ the armature member portions (26, 27), supporting each other along mutually opposite conical support faces extending obliquely with respect to a central axis of the sealing arrangement.

20. (Currently amended) The arrangement ~~in accordance with~~ as claimed in claim 19, wherein during use, a controlled gliding movement in the sealing arrangement ~~are~~ is provided by the combination of the oblique extension of ~~said the~~ the mutually overlapping, stop forming armature member portions (26, 27) and ~~said the~~ the elastically deformable wings (15, 16) of the sealing ring (13, 13').

21. (Currently amended) The arrangement ~~in accordance with~~ as claimed in claim 15, wherein each of the sealing ~~face~~ faces (15a, 16a) of said sealing ring (13, 13') has the same axial extension as that of the associated sealing wing (15, 16), each of the sealing ~~face~~ faces (15a, 16a) has a continuous, rectilinear extension in an axial direction of the associated sealing wing (15 16), and each of the sealing ~~wing~~ wings (15a, 16a) tapers in an axial direction from the stem (14) and is elastically deformable in relation to the stem (14), in order to secure a controlled elastic deformation of the sealing ~~wing~~ wings (15, 16).